under the Framework. As the Policy Framework announced is in respect of Engineering & Technology only, Management studies are not included.

Committee to change schools syllabus

241. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to change the existing syllabus of the schools education; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have appointed any Committee to study the changes in the existing syllabus; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir. The new syllabi for all subjects at all the stages of school education have been framed in accordance with the National Curriculum Framework for School Education—2000. These are intended to respond to the contemporary educational concerns and issues within the over all spirit of the National Policy on Education 1986. The new syllabi of the NCERT address the general concern for academic load reduction. The syllabi in all subject areas at all levels have been so designed that these may remove all kinds of social, cultural, religious, linguistic, regional and sex biases, ensure justice, tolerance and equity and unite all the section of Indian people.

(b) and (c) The NCERT formed a number of Committee of advisers, subject experts, internal faculty members and practicing school teacher to very carefull frame new syllabus and study them in relation to all the changes.

Curtailing the summer vacation of schools

242. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to curtail summer vacations of school children from the next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a proper study has been made by Government in this regard; and